

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1709 without my signature.

While I support the use and inclusion of energy efficiency products for the homes in our state as demonstrated by my Million Solar Roofs Initiative, this bill would allow Mello-Roos taxes to be imposed on homeowners in order to finance energy efficiency improvements. This provision represents a fundamental shift in the purpose of Mello-Roos taxes and is one that I cannot support.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger